

**PARISH OF EVANGELINE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Evangeline is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	31,629	2,683,516
1960	31,639	3,257,022
1970	31,932	3,644,637
1980	33,343	4,205,900
1990	33,274	4,219,973
1991	33,501	4,251,560
1992	34,091	4,287,195
1993	33,941	4,295,477
1994	34,154	4,315,085
1995	34,184	4,339,352
1996	34,422	4,350,579
1997	34,397	4,351,769
1998	34,373	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Evangeline are as follows:

YEAR	BASILE	CHATAI GNIER	MAMOU	PINE PRAIRIE	TURKEY CREEK	VILLE PLATTE
1960	1,932		2,928	387	279	7,512
1970	1,779		3,275	515	280	9,692
1980	2,635	431	3,194	734	366	9,201
1990	1,808	281	3,483	713	283	9,037
1991	1,787	340	3,509	712	286	9,037
1992	1,786	381	3,570	820	304	9,037
1993	1,870	401	3,505	818	298	9,037
1994	1,967	412	3,516	848	298	9,037
1995	1,982	415	3,521	892	298	9,037
1996	1,979	395	3,510	892	298	9,037
1997	1,985	395	3,535	892	298	9,037
1998	2,708	404	3,537	887	302	9,037

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$10,272	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,115	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,032	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$12,938	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$13,543	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$13,946	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$14,655	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,153	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Evangeline Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$128,297	\$45,367	\$3,898	\$12,566	\$3,274	\$22,197
1992	\$135,874	\$45,400	\$3,867	\$13,406	\$4,038	\$23,631
1993	\$135,454	\$39,951	\$3,814	\$14,411	\$4,160	\$26,237
1994	\$161,927	\$46,907	\$6,343	\$16,816	\$7,056	\$38,448
1995	\$185,390	\$51,797	\$7,990	\$16,276	\$7,544	\$48,892
1996	\$193,825	\$58,709	\$8,232	\$17,265	\$5,941	\$46,625
1997	\$202,378	\$62,520	\$7,294	\$17,909	\$5,569	\$48,710

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Evangeline as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
EVANGELINE PARISH	4		4	4	8
2ND WARD (RURAL AREA ONLY)	2		2	4	6
BASILE	2	2	4	4	8
CHATAIGNIER	2	2	4	4	8
MAMOU	2	2	4	4	8
PINE PRAIRIE	2	2	4	4	8
VILLE PLATTE	2	2	4	4	8
TURKEY CREEK	2	2	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$15,393	\$16,830	\$17,400	\$20,683	\$20,968
February	\$14,216	\$12,373	\$16,303	\$21,663	\$17,927
March	\$12,492	\$14,999	\$14,113	\$15,291	\$17,323
April	\$16,443	\$17,778	\$18,425	\$19,891	\$20,708
May	\$15,064	\$14,348	\$16,362	\$19,051	\$21,608
June	\$15,013	\$15,488	\$16,121	\$18,633	\$17,472
July	\$16,884	\$18,227	\$18,392	\$19,600	\$23,049
August	\$14,686	\$14,801	\$14,386	\$17,226	\$21,468
September	\$13,735	\$15,401	\$19,578	\$19,179	\$19,986
October	\$16,872	\$16,393	\$20,468	\$20,367	\$19,939
November	\$13,985	\$16,165	\$14,946	\$19,048	\$17,346
December	\$13,142	\$13,900	\$13,873	\$16,727	\$17,482
Annual Total	\$177,926	\$186,703	\$200,368	\$227,360	\$235,275

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Evangeline is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$74,724,170	\$25,917,160	\$100,641,330
1991	\$75,981,520	\$26,173,640	\$102,155,160
1992	\$79,448,400	\$27,155,380	\$106,603,780
1993	\$82,144,860	\$27,660,290	\$109,805,150
1994	\$83,922,625	\$28,176,665	\$112,099,290
1995	\$88,756,855	\$28,769,995	\$117,526,850
1996	\$92,869,335	\$29,830,315	\$122,699,650
1997	\$92,898,745	\$30,638,915	\$123,537,660
1998	\$96,596,425	\$31,714,495	\$128,310,920

Source: Evangeline Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$44,941,800	\$26,394,410	\$29,305,120
1991	\$45,336,300	\$27,424,870	\$29,393,990
1992	\$47,766,380	\$27,972,370	\$30,865,030
1993	\$48,500,300	\$28,978,920	\$32,325,930
1994	\$49,851,530	\$30,205,940	\$32,041,820
1995	\$51,841,880	\$32,575,080	\$33,109,890
1996	\$55,459,440	\$34,321,870	\$32,918,340
1997	\$56,390,760	\$31,162,440	\$35,984,460
1998	\$59,003,190	\$36,633,250	\$32,674,480

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Evangeline follows:

Year	Millage
1990	26.03
1991	26.19
1992	29.07
1993	28.12
1994	28.17
1995	28.14
1996	29.03
1997	29.03
1998	29.03

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Evangeline Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Evangeline in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. COOPER CAMERON CORP.	\$13,000,000
2. CENTRAL LA. ELECTRIC CO., INC.	\$9,367,810
3. UNION TANK CAR CO.	\$6,076,510
4. CENTURYTEL OF EVANGELINE, INC.	\$5,772,700
5. TRANSCO GAS PIPE LINE CORP.	\$4,390,780
6. EVANGELINE BANK & TRUST CO.	\$3,862,370
7. CABOT CORP.	\$3,749,060
8. TEXAS GAS TRANSMISSION CORP.	\$1,626,770
9. ANR PIPELINE CO.	\$1,444,910
10. CITIZENS BANK, VILLE PLATTE, LA	\$1,031,040

Source: Evangeline Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Evangeline Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	6,414	5,961	6,639	6,455
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	6,895	6,332	6,305	6,782
PUBLIC	7,197	7,066	7,035	6,880

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Evangeline Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$23,533	\$23,211	\$24,884	\$25,559
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,133	\$4,113	\$4,498	\$4,701
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$835,555	\$137,065	\$102,281	\$1,757,561
DEBT SERVICE	\$275,827	\$361,756	\$368,988	\$369,882
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$28,498,300	\$28,607,215	\$30,199,068	\$31,905,347

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.